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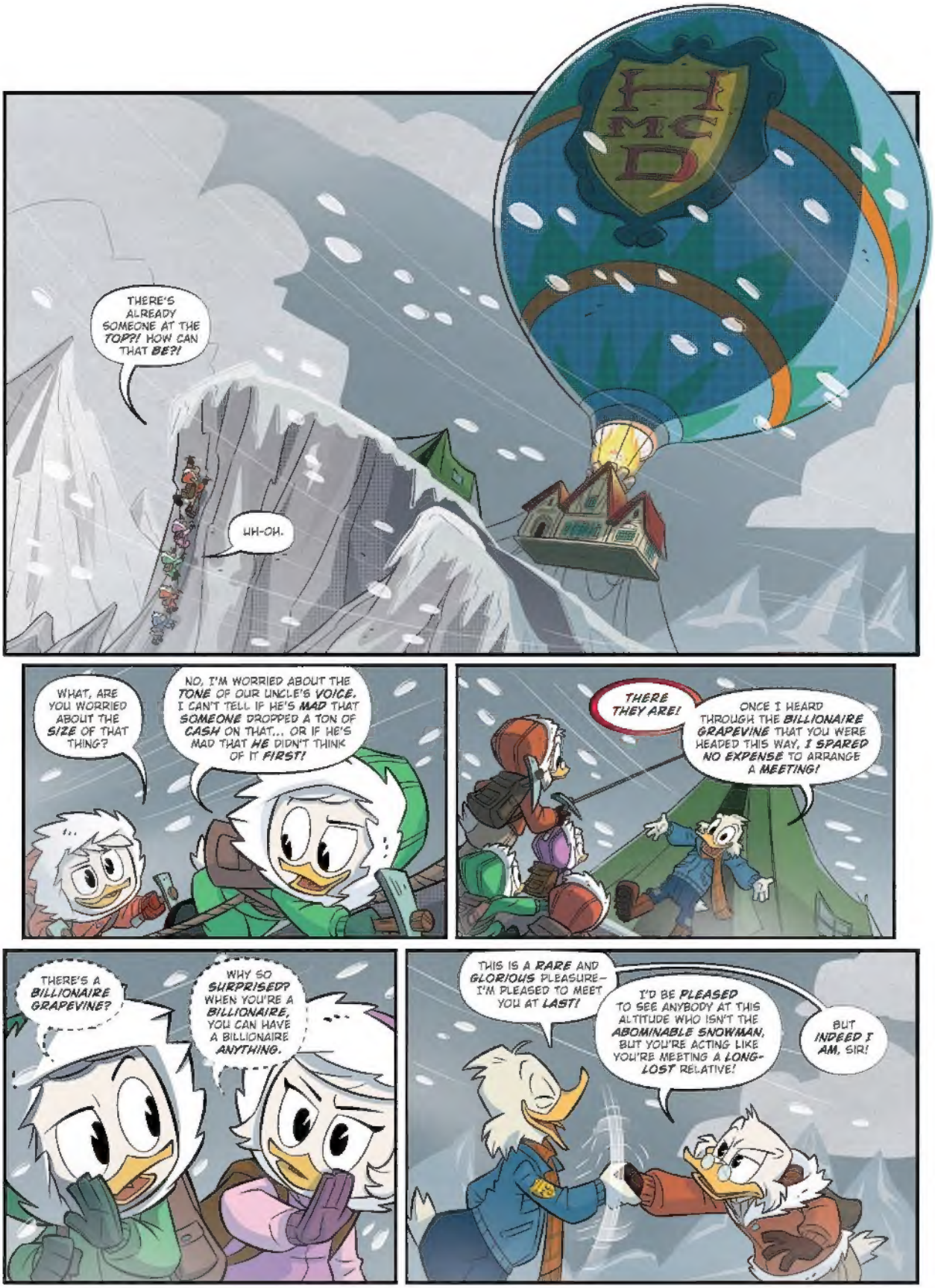
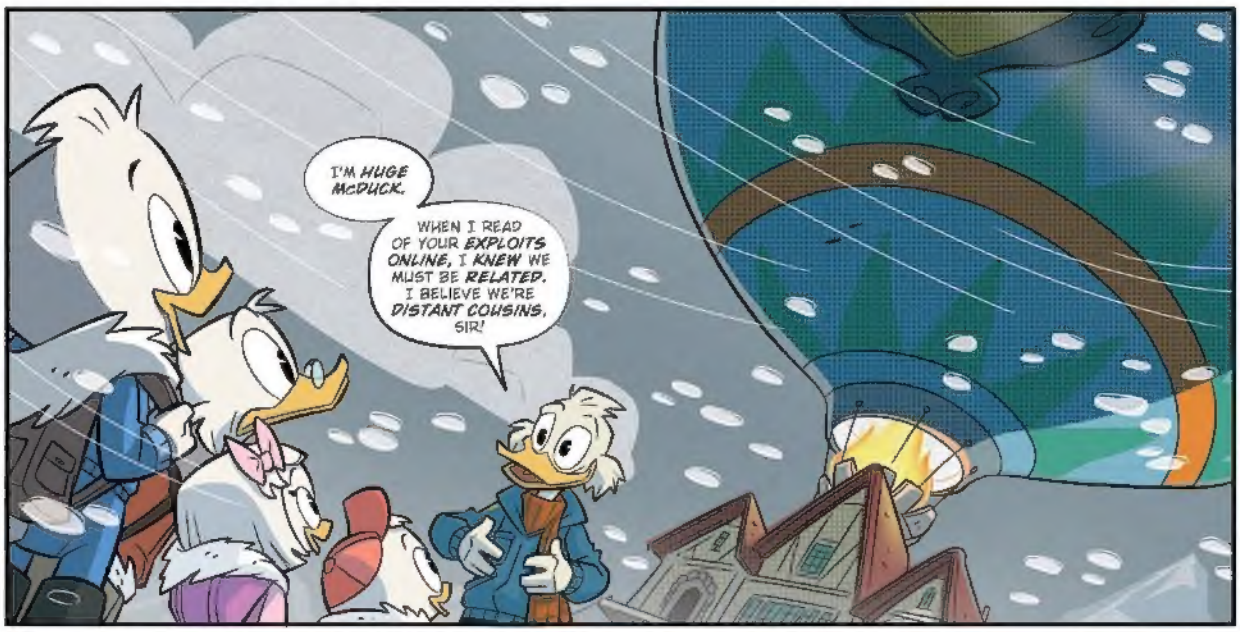
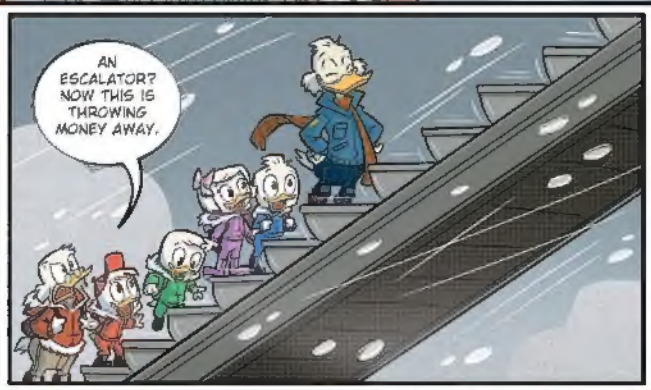
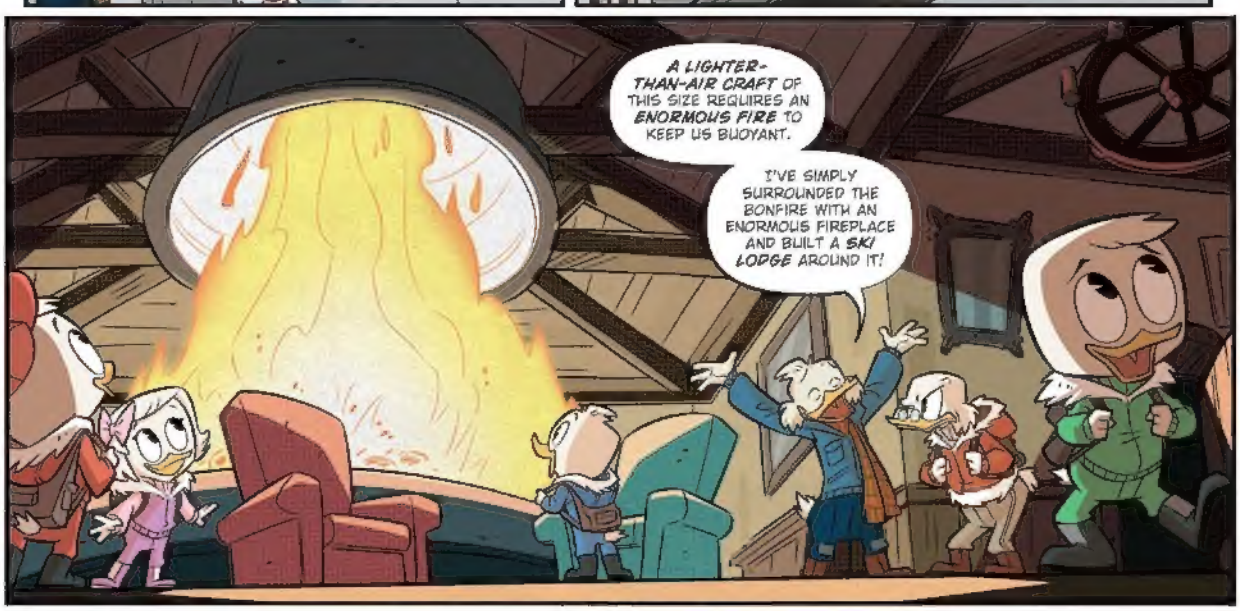
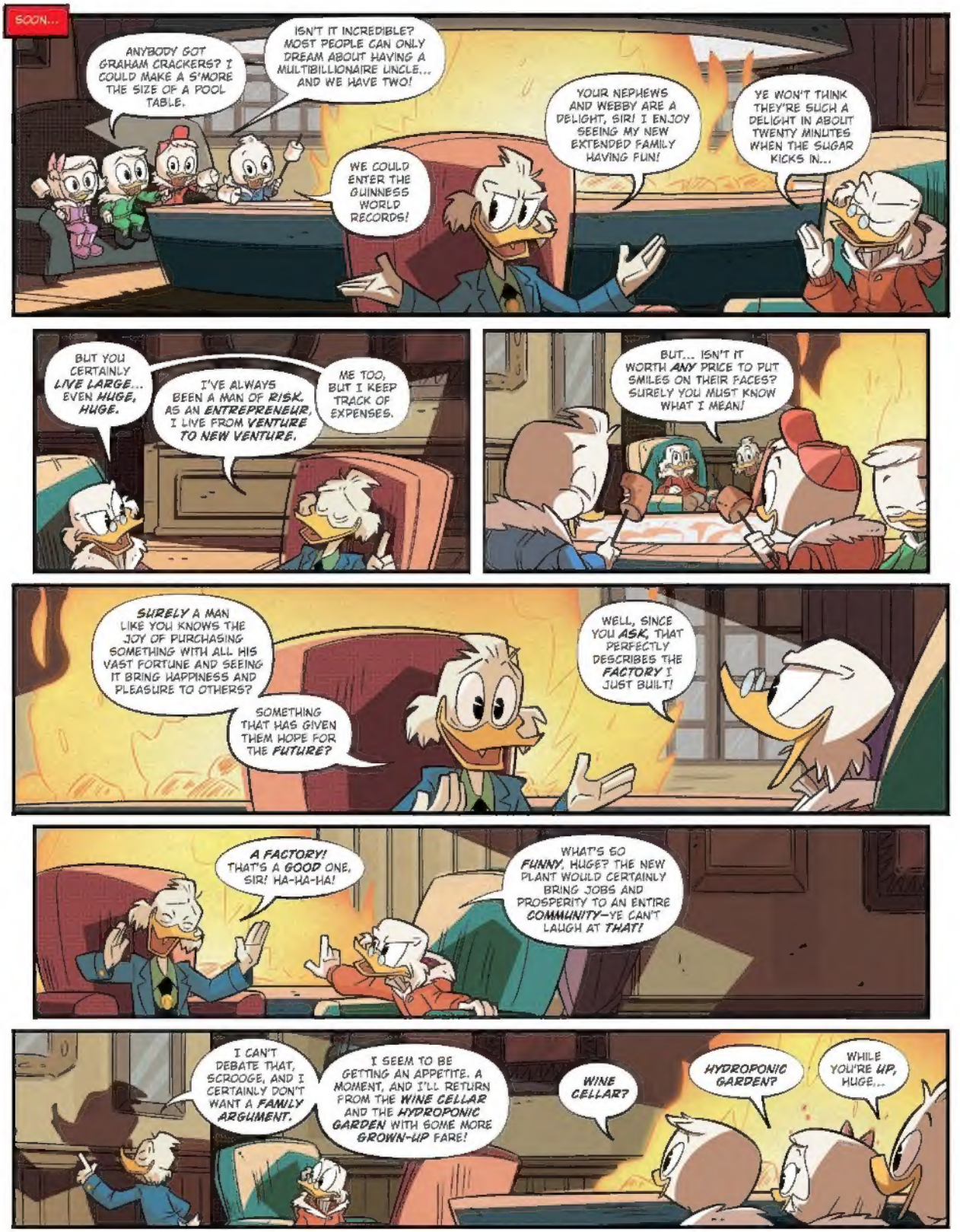

THERE'S ALREADY SOMEONE AT THE TOP?! HOW CAN THAT BE?!
UH-OH.
WHAT, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE SIZE OF THAT THING?
NO, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE TONE OF OUR UNCLE'S VOICE. I CAN'T TELL IF HE'S MAD THAT SOMEONE DROPPED A TON OF CASH ON THAT... OR IF HE'S MAD THAT HE DIDN'T THINK OF IT FIRST!
THERE THEY ARE!
ONCE I HEARD THROUGH THE BILLIONAIRE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU WERE HEADED THIS WAY, I SPARED NO EXPENSE TO ARRANGE A MEETING!
THERE'S A BILLIONAIRE GRAPEVINE?
WHY SO SURPRISED? WHEN YOU'RE A BILLIONAIRE, YOU CAN HAVE A BILLIONAIRE ANYTHING.
THIS IS A RARE AND GLORIOUS PLEASURE— I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU AT LAST!
I'D BE PLEASED TO SEE ANYBODY AT THIS ALTITUDE WHO ISN'T THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN, BUT YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU'RE MEETING A LONG-LOST RELATIVE!
BUT INDEED I AM, SIR!


I'M HUGE McDUCK.
WHEN I READ OF YOUR EXPLOITS ONLINE, I KNEW WE MUST BE RELATED. I BELIEVE WE'RE DISTANT COUSINS, SIR!

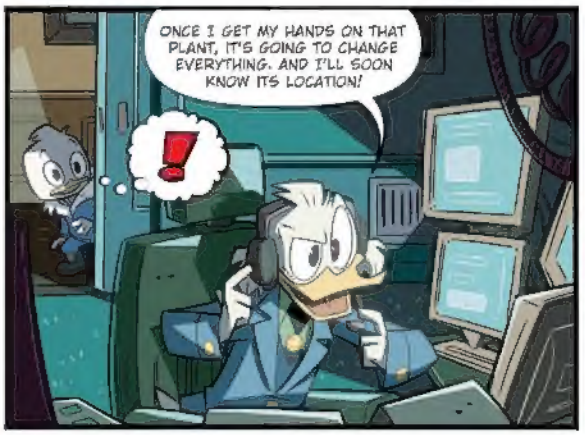
BUT SURELY YOU'RE EXHAUSTED! LET ME INVITE YOU ALOFT IN MY HUMBLE APRÈS-SKI CHALET!
"HUMBLE"? I WONDER WHAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER TO BE OSTENTATIOUS... ISN'T THAT JUST THROWING MONEY AWAY?


AN ESCALATOR? NOW THIS IS THROWING MONEY AWAY.

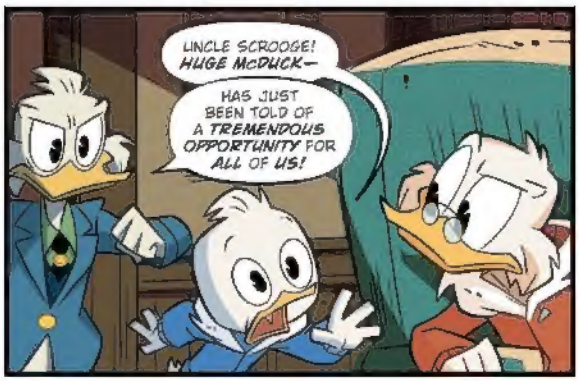

A LIGHTER-THAN-AIR CRAFT OF THIS SIZE REQUIRES AN ENORMOUS FIRE TO KEEP US BUOYANT.
I'VE SIMPLY SURROUNDED THE BONFIRE WITH AN ENORMOUS FIREPLACE AND BUILT A SKI LODGE AROUND IT!

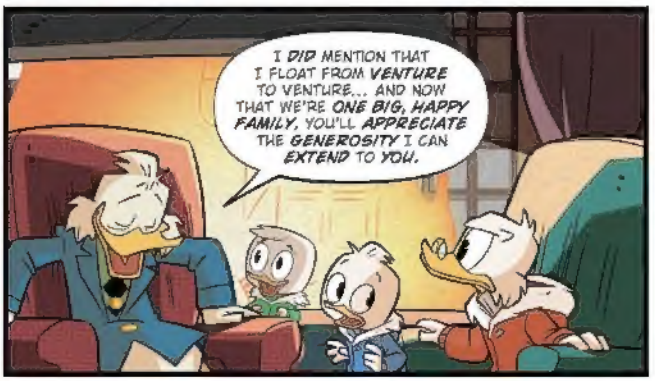

SOON...
ANYBODY GOT GRAHAM CRACKERS? I COULD MAKE A S'MORE THE SIZE OF A POOL TABLE.
ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE? MOST PEOPLE CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT HAVING A MULTIBILLIONAIRE UNCLE... AND WE HAVE TWO!
WE COULD ENTER THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS!
YOUR NEPHEWS AND WEBBY ARE A DELIGHT, SIR! I ENJOY SEEING MY NEW EXTENDED FAMILY HAVING FUN!
YE WON'T THINK THEY'RE SUCH A DELIGHT IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES WHEN THE SUGAR KICKS IN...
BUT YOU CERTAINLY LIVE LARGE... EVEN HUGE, HUGE.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A MAN OF RISK. AS AN ENTREPRENEUR, I LIVE FROM VENTURE TO NEW VENTURE.
ME TOO, BUT I KEEP TRACK OF EXPENSES.
BUT... ISN'T IT WORTH ANY PRICE TO PUT SMILES ON THEIR FACES? SURELY YOU MUST KNOW WHAT I MEAN!
SURELY A MAN LIKE YOU KNOWS THE JOY OF PURCHASING SOMETHING WITH ALL HIS VAST FORTUNE AND SEEING IT BRING HAPPINESS AND PLEASURE TO OTHERS?
SOMETHING THAT HAS GIVEN THEM HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?
WELL, SINCE YOU ASK, THAT PERFECTLY DESCRIBES THE FACTORY I JUST BUILT!
A FACTORY! THAT'S A GOOD ONE, SIR! HA-HA-HA!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, HUGE? THE NEW PLANT WOULD CERTAINLY BRING JOBS AND PROSPERITY TO AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY—YE CAN'T LAUGH AT THAT!
I CAN'T DEBATE THAT, SCROOGE, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT A FAMILY ARGUMENT.
I SEEM TO BE GETTING AN APPETITE. A MOMENT, AND I'LL RETURN FROM THE WINE CELLAR AND THE HYDROPONIC GARDEN WITH SOME MORE GROWN-UP FARE!
WINE CELLAR?
HYDROPONIC GARDEN?
WHILE YOU'RE UP, HUGE...

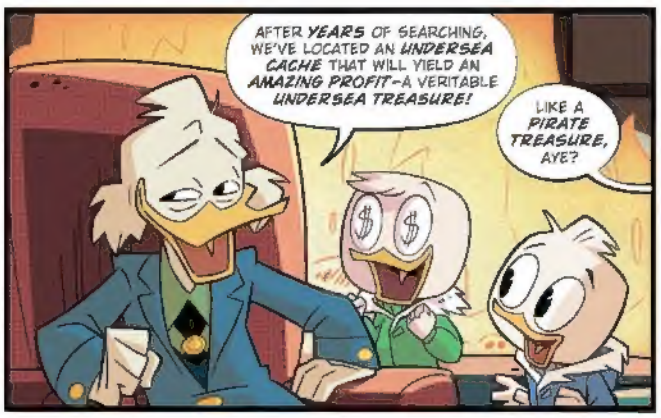
...MELTING CHOCOLATE BARS WOULD GO GOOD WITH THE MARSHMALLOWS, TOO!
HUGE? HMM. MAYBE HE DIDN'T HEAR ME.

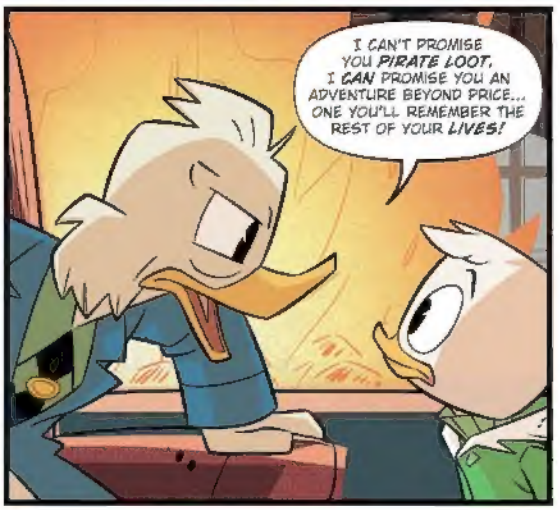

ONCE I GET MY HANDS ON THAT PLANT, IT'S GOING TO CHANGE EVERYTHING. AND I'LL SOON KNOW ITS LOCATION!
!

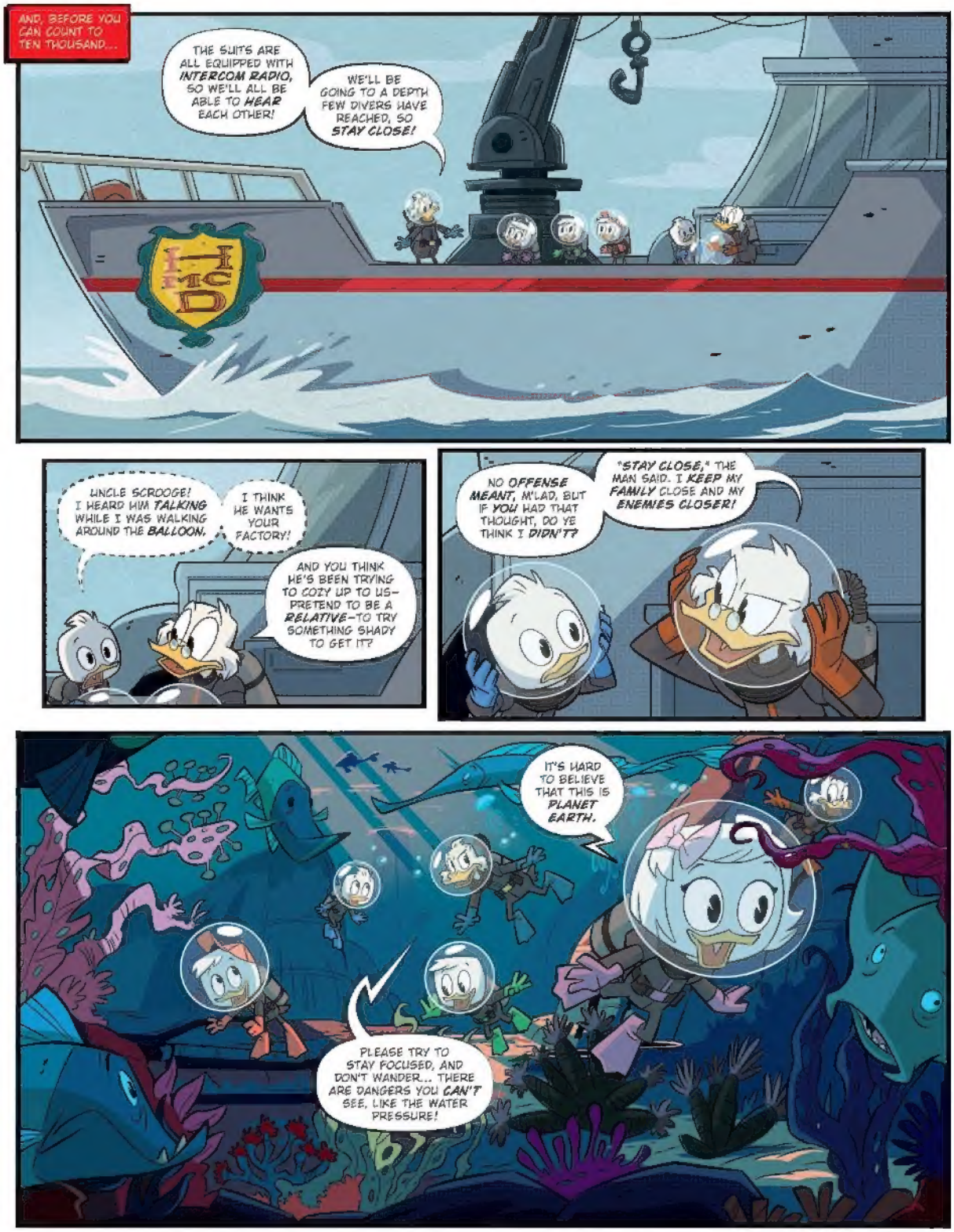
I'LL DISRUPT INDUSTRY AS WE KNOW IT. GET EVERYTHING READY FOR ME—I'LL BE ARRIVING WITH MY NEW FAMILY. NO, THEY DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT THEY'RE IN FOR YET, BUT THEY'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD!
I BETTER GET BACK TO UNCLE SCROOGE AND TELL HIM BEFORE HUGE SIGNS OFF!


UNCLE SCROOGE! HUGE McDUCK—
HAS JUST BEEN TOLD OF A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US!


I DID MENTION THAT I FLOAT FROM VENTURE TO VENTURE... AND NOW THAT WE'RE ONE BIG, HAPPY FAMILY, YOU'LL APPRECIATE THE GENEROSITY I CAN EXTEND TO YOU.


AFTER YEARS OF SEARCHING, WE'VE LOCATED AN UNDERSEA CACHE THAT WILL YIELD AN AMAZING PROFIT—A VERITABLE UNDERSEA TREASURE!
LIKE A PIRATE TREASURE, AYE?


I CAN'T PROMISE YOU PIRATE LOOT. I CAN PROMISE YOU AN ADVENTURE BEYOND PRICE... ONE YOU'LL REMEMBER THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!



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AGGH!! SHUFFE SHUFFE

THIS... ADVENTURE IS... TIRING ME OUT! I WANT TO...

...I WANT TO REST...

LOUIE!!

SO TIRED...
HE'S BLACKING OUT!
HIS TANKS MUST HAVE BECOME TOXIC, OR WERE CONTAMINATED TO START WITH!

PROBABLY THE FORMER. IT HAPPENS AT HIGH PRESSURE...

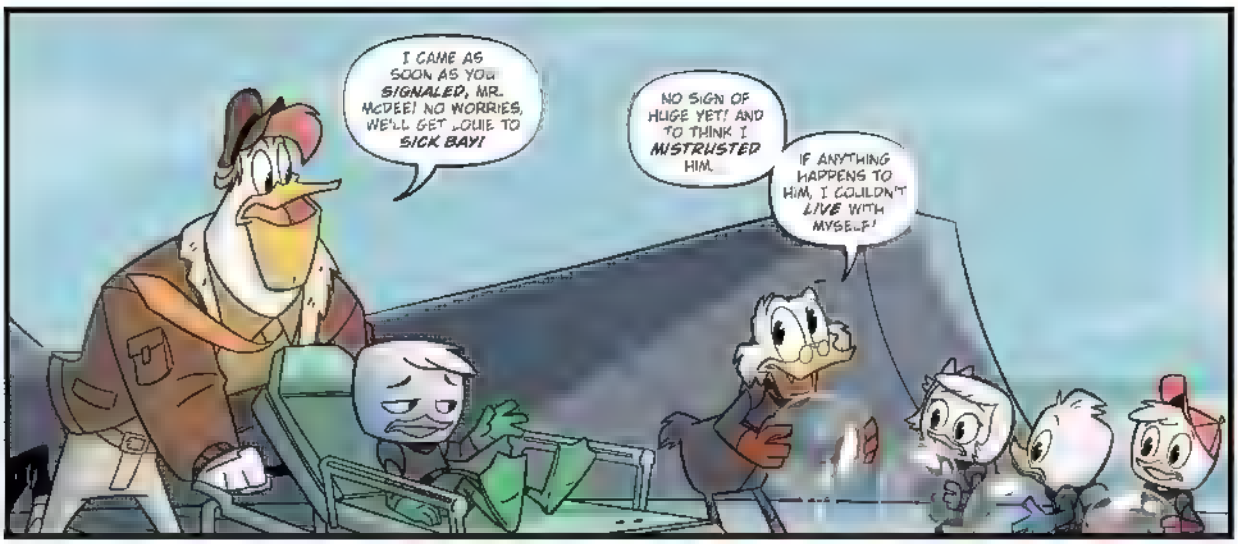
I'LL CONNECT HIM TO MY TANK!
NO, HE'S WELCOME TO MINE!

IT'S ME WHO PUT HIM IN JEOPARDY WITH THE DREAM OF PIRATE LOOT.

TAKE THEM BACK. AND REMEMBER: ASCEND SLOWLY, OR YOU'LL GET THE BENDS!

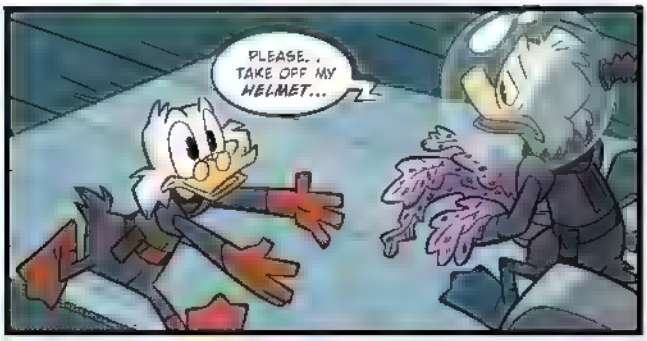
BUT YE HAVE TO LEAVE WITH THE REST OF US.
I'LL BE FINE. I'VE MORE THAN ENOUGH OXYGEN IN MY HELMET. GO!

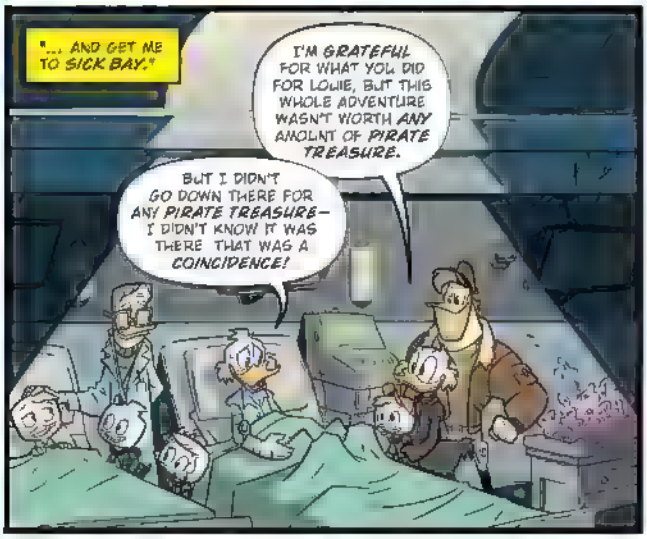
YE'RE MAD– NO TREASURE IS WORTH THIS!
YE'LL PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE FOR IT!
I WILL BE FINE. PLEASE...
...JOIN YOUR FAMILY.

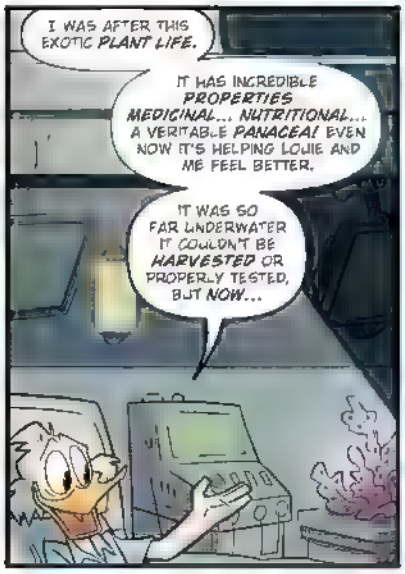

I CAME AS SOON AS YOU SIGNALED, MR. MCDEE! NO WORRIES, WE'LL GET LOUIE TO SICK BAY!
NO SIGN OF HUGE YET! AND TO THINK I MISTRUSTED HIM.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM, I COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF!

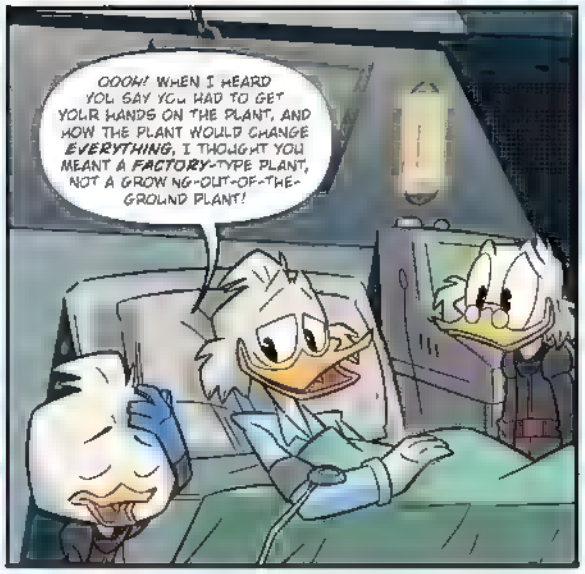
SKREEEEEEEK
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

SKREEEEK SKREEEEK
NOT AS DANGEROUS AS THAT LOOKED.. REMOTE-OPERATED VEHICLE. PRIMED TO COME TO MY RESCUE...

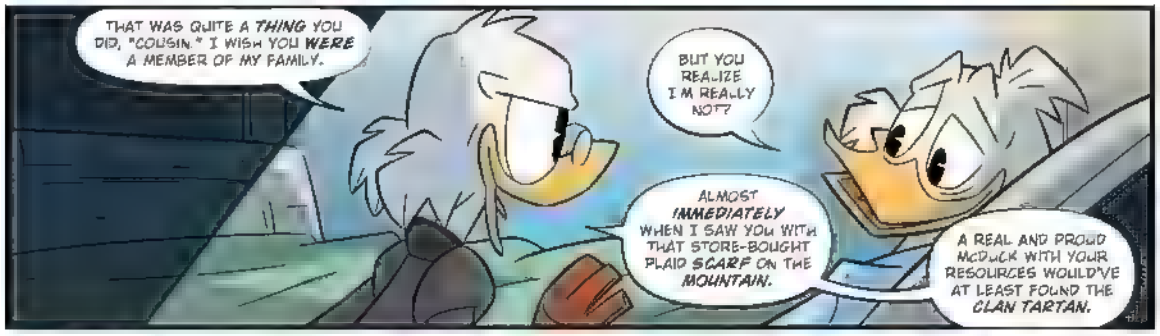

PLEASE. . TAKE OFF MY HELMET...

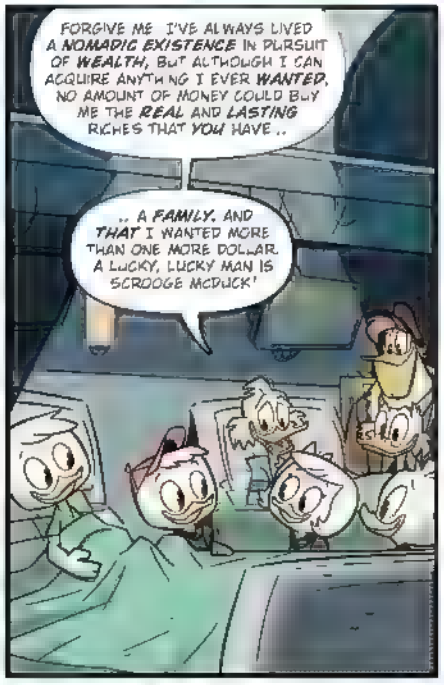

"... AND GET ME TO SICK BAY."
I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR LOUIE, BUT THIS WHOLE ADVENTURE WASN'T WORTH ANY AMOUNT OF PIRATE TREASURE.
BUT I DIDN'T GO DOWN THERE FOR ANY PIRATE TREASURE— I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THERE. THAT WAS A COINCIDENCE!


I WAS AFTER THIS EXOTIC PLANT LIFE.
IT HAS INCREDIBLE PROPERTIES MEDICINAL... NUTRITIONAL... A VERITABLE PANACEA! EVEN NOW IT'S HELPING LOUIE AND ME FEEL BETTER.
IT WAS SO FAR UNDERWATER IT COULDN'T BE HARVESTED OR PROPERLY TESTED, BUT NOW...

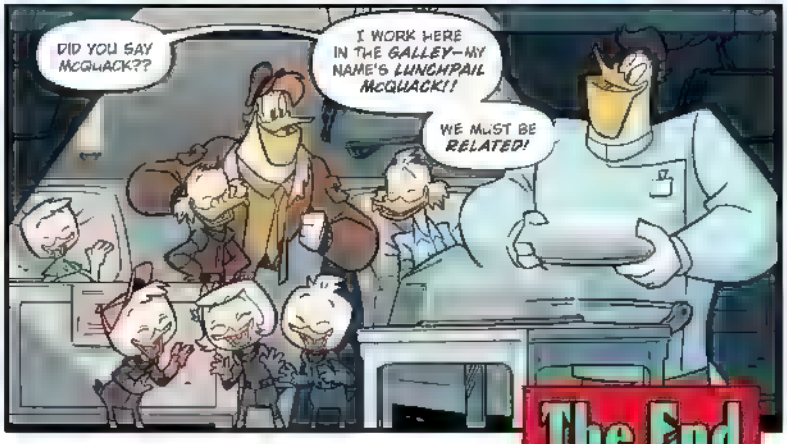

OOOH! WHEN I HEARD YOU SAY YOU HAD TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE PLANT, AND HOW THE PLANT WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING, I THOUGHT YOU MEANT A FACTORY-TYPE PLANT, NOT A GROWING-OUT-OF-THE-GROUND PLANT!

WHEN I SAID I DIDN'T LIKE HOW THAT SOUNDED, EVEN I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT I WAS SAYING! SO MUCH FOR BEING AN AMATEUR DETECTIVE..


THAT WAS QUITE A THING YOU DID, "COUSIN." I WISH YOU WERE A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY.
BUT YOU REALIZE I'M REALLY NOT?
ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN I SAW YOU WITH THAT STORE-BOUGHT PLAID SCARF ON THE MOUNTAIN.
A REAL AND PROUD McDUCK WITH YOUR RESOURCES WOULD'VE AT LEAST FOUND THE CLAN TARTAN.


FORGIVE ME. I'VE ALWAYS LIVED A NOMADIC EXISTENCE IN PURSUIT OF WEALTH, BUT ALTHOUGH I CAN ACQUIRE ANYTHING I EVER WANTED, NO AMOUNT OF MONEY COULD BUY ME THE REAL AND LASTING RICHES THAT YOU HAVE..
.. A FAMILY. AND THAT I WANTED MORE THAN ONE MORE DOLLAR. A LUCKY, LUCKY MAN IS SCROOGE McDUCK!

I HOPE YOU'LL STAY A LITTLE LONGER AND ENJOY ANOTHER "FAMILY" DINNER!
OH, BOY—TIME FOR A BIG MEAL!
A LUCKY LUCKY MAN IS LAUNCHPAD McQUACK!


DID YOU SAY McQUACK??
I WORK HERE IN THE GALLEY—MY NAME'S LUNCHPAIL McQUACK!!
WE MUST BE RELATED!

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WHEN LUCK RAN OUT!

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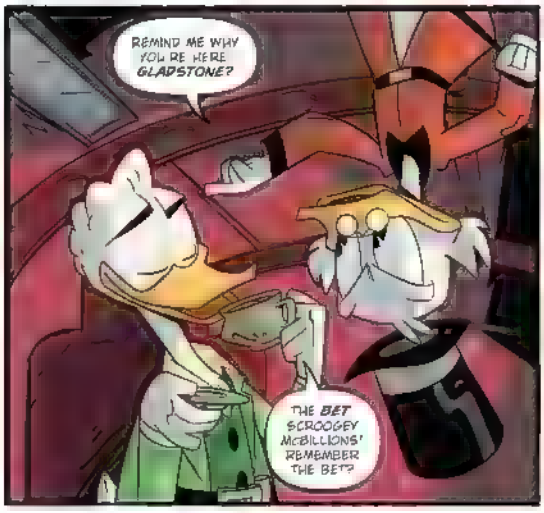
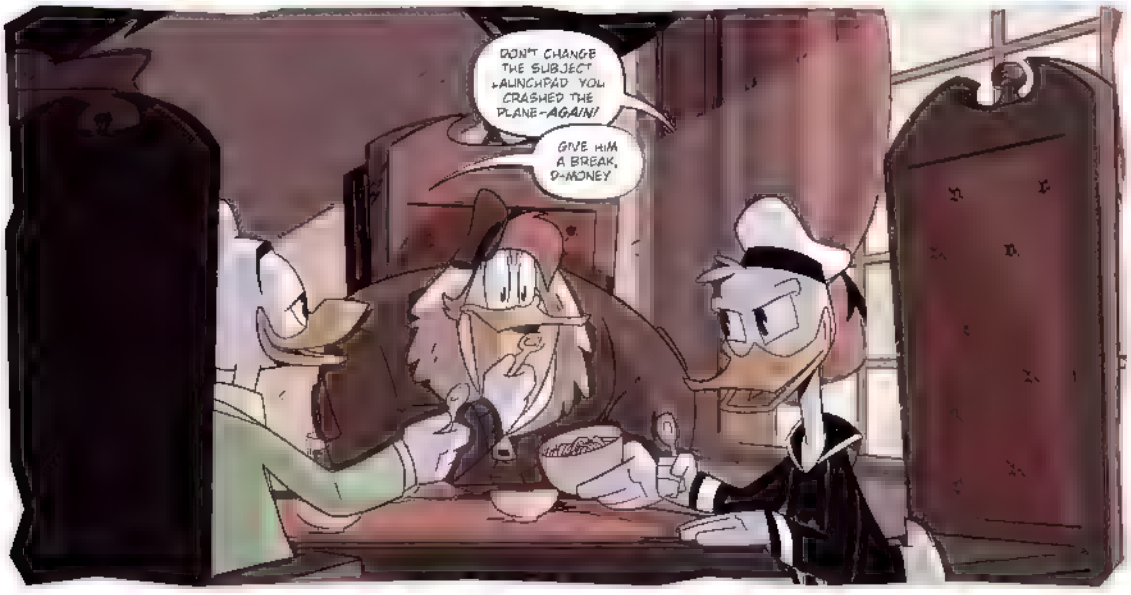
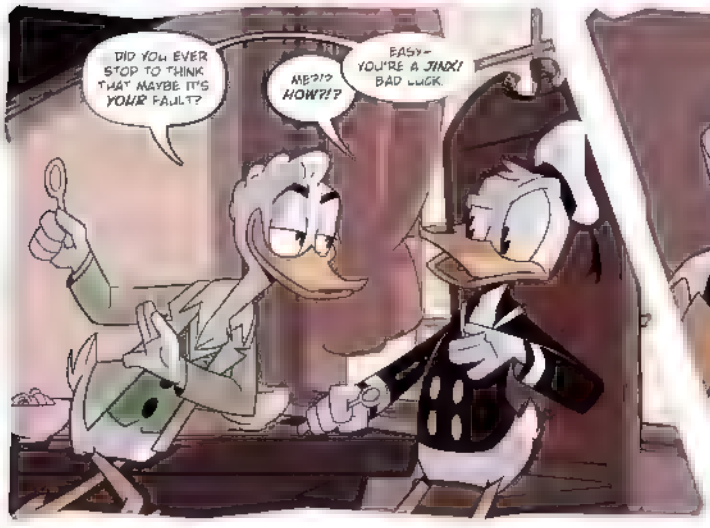

REMIND ME WHY YOU'RE HERE GLADSTONE?
THE BET SCROOGEY MCBILLIONS' REMEMBER THE BET?

I REMEMBER THE BET!

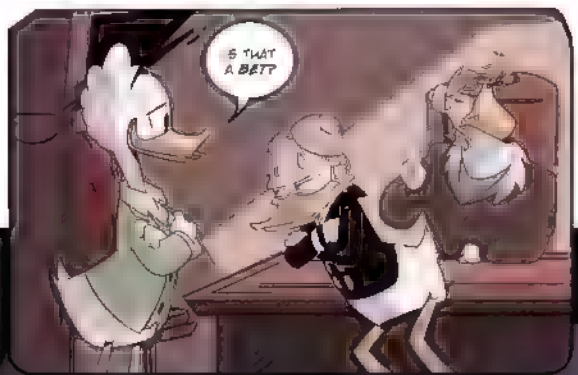
THIS IS GREAT SOUP!


DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT LAUNCHPAD YOU CRASHED THE PLANE-AGAIN!
GIVE HIM A BREAK, D-MONEY


DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK THAT MAYBE IT'S YOUR FAULT?
ME?!? HOW?!?
EASY- YOU'RE A JINX! BAD LUCK.

I'M NOT A JINX! THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
WHAM

YOU WERE SAYING?
GRUMBLE'S WELL, IF YOU'RE SUCH A LUCKY DUCK **PROVE IT!** TAKE MY PLACE ON THE NEXT ADVENTURE. I BET THINGS WON'T BE ANY BETTER THAN USUAL!


IS THAT A **BET?**

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? IT **WAS** A BET!

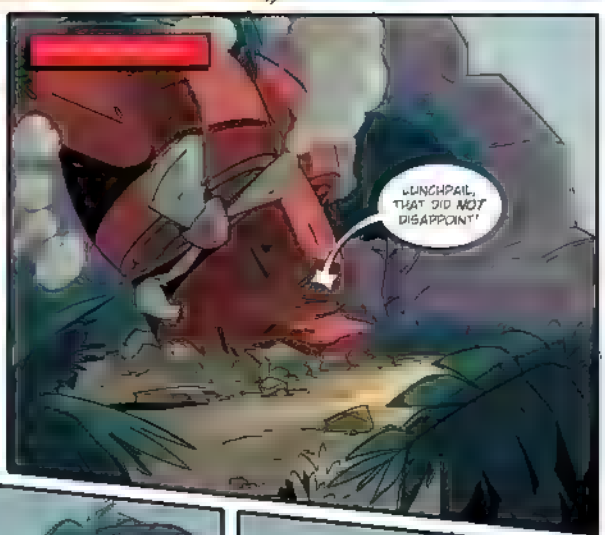
THAT WAS VERY THOROUGH, LAUNCHPAD.
ABSOLUTELY! I FELT LIKE I WAS THERE

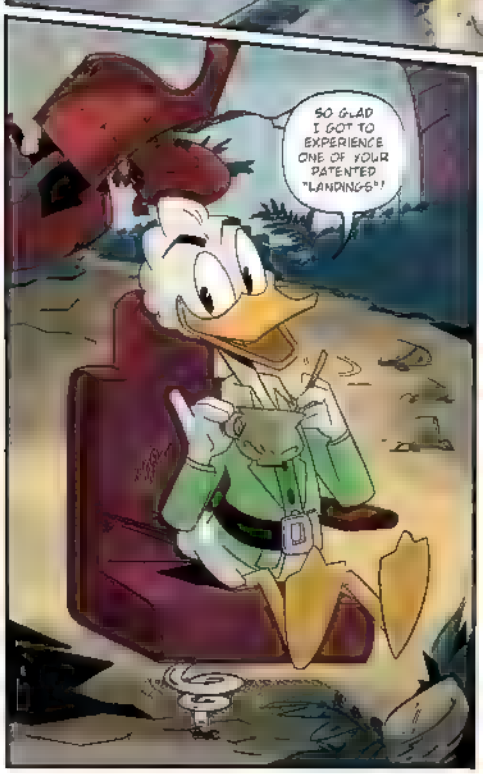
DOWN TO BUSINESS! DEEP IN THE AMAZON, THERE EXISTS A MYTHICAL LUCKY FLOWER... **PENTAFOLIUM!**
OOOH, HOW LUCKY?

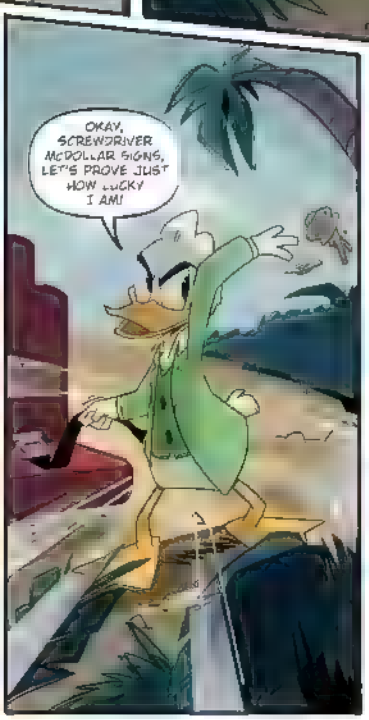
WOULD I SPEND **MY** MONEY TRYING TO FIND IT IF IT WASN'T THE **LUCKIEST?**
NO, NO, YOU WOULD NOT

UH, MR. McDEE AND FANCY-DRESSED DUCK?
YES, LAUNCHPAD, WHAT IS IT?
YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASSUME –

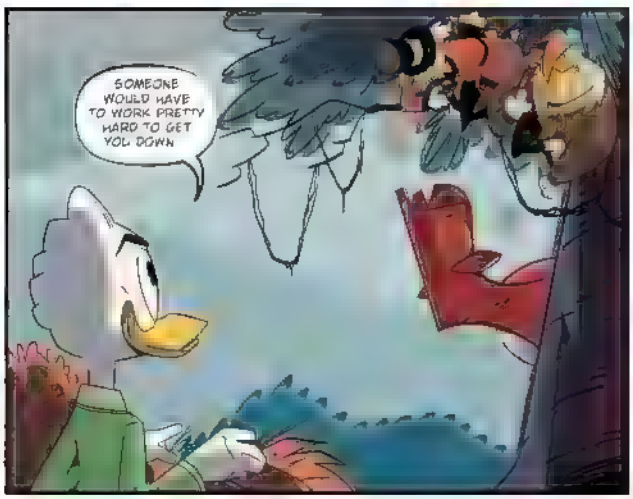
–CRASH POSITIONS!


LUNCHPAIL, THAT DID NOT DISAPPOINT!

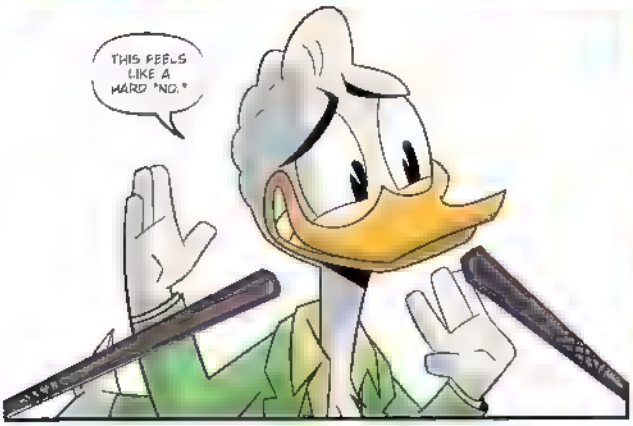

SO GLAD I GOT TO EXPERIENCE ONE OF YOUR PATENTED "LANDINGS"!

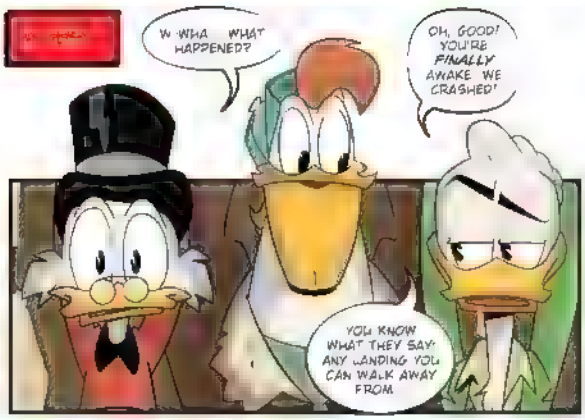

OKAY, SCREWDRIVER McDOLLAR SIGNS, LET'S PROVE JUST HOW LUCKY I AM!

LOOK AT YOU UP THERE! WHO'S THE LAYABOUT NOW?


SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO WORK PRETTY HARD TO GET YOU DOWN

WELL, HELLO THERE! I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE TO HELP?

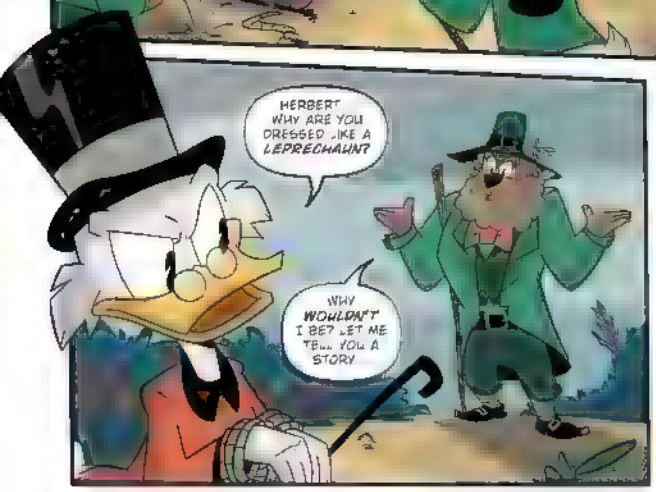

THIS FEELS LIKE A HARD "NO."

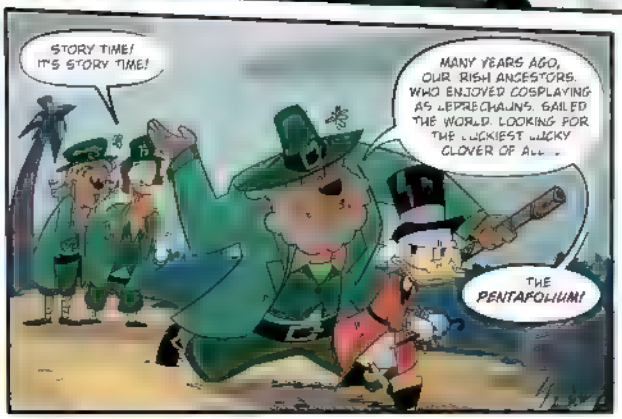

W-WHA... WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, GOOD! YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE. WE CRASHED!
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: ANY LANDING YOU CAN WALK AWAY FROM

WE DIDN'T WALK
OH

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?
I AM.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I AM THE ONE THEY CALL

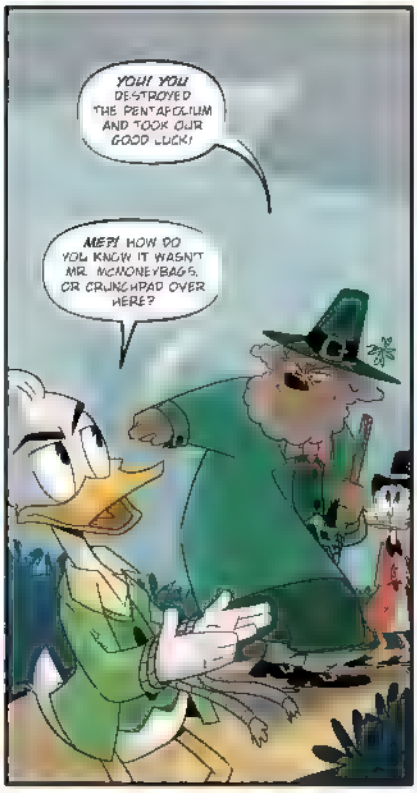
...HERBERT!


HERBERT WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE A LEPRECHAUN?
WHY WOULDN'T I BE? LET ME TELL YOU A STORY


STORY TIME! IT'S STORY TIME!
MANY YEARS AGO, OUR IRISH ANCESTORS, WHO ENJOYED COSPLAYING AS LEPRECHAUNS, SAILED THE WORLD LOOKING FOR THE LUCKIEST LUCKY CLOVER OF ALL...
THE PENTAFOLIUM!

MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER FOUND IT HERE BUT THE PENTAFOLIUM WON'T GROW ANYWHERE BUT THE AMAZON!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU REMAINED?

ENOUGH TALK WE HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY SINCE YOUR ARRIVAL!
"GREATLY"? REALLY? WE JUST GOT HERE!
UNCLE MCDUNKLE'S RIGHT IT'S BEEN LIKE, AN HOUR, TOPS


YOU! YOU DESTROYED THE PENTAFOLIUM AND TOOK OUR GOOD LUCK!
ME?! HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WASN'T MR. MCMONEYBAGS, OR CRUNCHPAD OVER HERE?

BECAUSE THEY DON'T LOOK SO LUCKY TO ME!
CAN'T ARGUE WITH YOU THERE.
"SILENCE! MORE STORY TIME! EVERYTHING WAS JUST FINE UNTIL YOUR PLANE CRASHED..."
"THEN SUDDENLY, THE LIGHTNING CAME!"
"IT DESTROYED MY LUNCH AND OUR PENTAFOLIUM! AND ALSO MY LUNCH!"
YOU MENTIONED "LUNCH" TWICE.
IT WAS A REALLY GOOD LUNCH!
ANYWAY, I'M SURE THE LIGHTNING WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE.
REALLY?
ZRAK
OR NOT.

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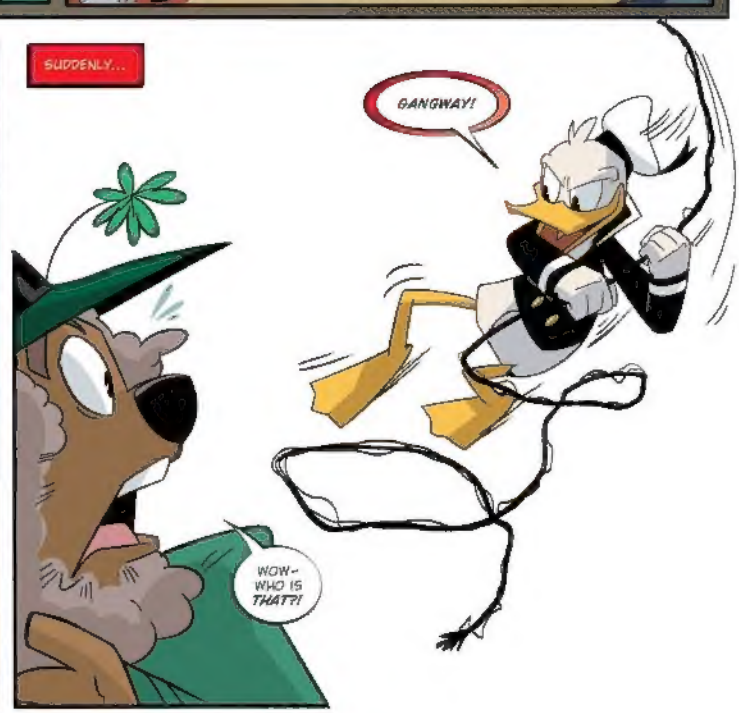
ALL RIGHT, THIS IS IT- JUMP ON IN, YOU TWO!
HERBERT- DO YOU MIND IF I CALL YOU H-BUDDY- IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY?
SURE IT IS! YOU COME HERE, STEAL OUR LUCK? WE HAVE TO RESTORE BALANCE.
SORRY, SCROOGEY, I TRIED!
THAT WAS TRYING?!?
ALTHOUGH I HAVE TO ADMIT, IT'S STARTING TO SEEM LIKE MY GOOD LUCK ISN'T HELPING YOU AT ALL.

COME ON, YOU TWO- HURRY IT UP! IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR- SNACKS!


SUDDENLY...
GANGWAY!
WOW- WHO IS THAT?!

HEY...
THAT? OH, THAT'S MY COUSIN, THE JINX.
JINX?!?
YOWCH!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
THAT GUY JUST TOOK ALL THE BAD LUCK FROM ME!
WHY, HE'S NO JINX - HE'S A REGULAR GOOD-LUCK CHARM!
I AM?!
HE IS?!
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING! BALANCE IS RESTORED! I'M STILL LEADER! YOU MUST JOIN US FOR SNACKS!
HOW DID YOU FIND US, MY BOY?
I HAD A FEELING SOMETHING WAS GONNA GO SCREWY, SO I HID ON THE PLANE!
AND SO...
DIG IN, EVERYBODY!
I GET THIS STUFF FLOWN IN; IT'S DELICIOUS.
CANNED PINEAPPLE?!?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
MY GOOD LUCK NEARLY FRIED SCROOGEY AND FLYBOY, AND YOUR BAD LUCK SAVED THE DAY!
I GUESS YOU WON THE BET, D-MONEY.
SOMETIMES IT PAYS TO BE A JINX!
The End